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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

28 September 1960

Members: Mr. Gerald C. Cooney, Army
Mr. Thomas Koines, Navy
Mr. John W. Easton, JCS

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Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman, CIA

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Guests: Mr. Henry Holz, Army
Major Elias Bachs, Air Force
Mr. Charles Brophy, Air Force
Mr. Henry A. Miley, Air Force

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1. Minutes

The minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Committee were approved.

2. The Scientific and Technical Program

As introduction to the review of the program the Chairman referred the following relevant papers to the Committee's attention:

a. List of Soviet Scientific and Technical Publications Received in the United States and Processed by USIB Agencies, copies of which were distributed to the Committee.

b. Enclosures to the minutes of the 22nd CEFLP meeting, specifically, TABS A and B which list FID [REDACTED] reports produced between 1 January and 1 July 1960 under the current scientific and technical program and TAB C which presents the proposed changes in the program.

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ARMY, NAVY and USAF review(s) completed.

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3. With these papers as points of departure the Committee proceeded with its review.

The NSA member reported his organization's approval of the proposed revisions in the program.

Navy member expressed general satisfaction with the revised program. He stated, however, that he had experienced some difficulty in obtaining specific evaluations, and asked whether a method other than a personal approach to the analyst might produce better results.

The Chairman observed that other devices for obtaining evaluations of reports, such as the attachment of questionnaires and comment sheets, had not proved popular with analysts under pressure of work. He believed, therefore, that the direct approach by Committee members to their respective analysts combined with FDD contacts with these analysts had provided the best means thus far for evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

Army member gave approval to the proposed program. He requested specifically, however, that Soviet cryogenics and infra-red research receive separate and distinct treatment in the revised Scientific Information Report, and that all available information on pharmacology and toxicology be reported.

The Chairman suggested an early meeting between appropriate Army and FDD personnel to permit further definition of the Army requirement for this information.

Army expressed dissatisfaction with the slowness of commercial cover-to-cover translations of periodicals, and queried whether sponsoring agencies or foundations might be able to expedite the preparation of these translations.

The Chairman stated that since many of these translations are produced as a result of grants to commercial organizations the problem is difficult to solve. At the least the intelligence community gets the benefit of considerable translation work by commercial activities in this field.

To Army's inquiry concerning the order in which issues of "Vestnik Svyazi" are to be translated, the Chairman replied that the 1960 issues are being done first, following which 1947 and subsequent issues will be translated. Completion of the project is anticipated within a year.

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Air Force member expressed support of the revised program. He then asked whether all information appearing in the new Scientific Information Report series would be classified. The reply to this was that while the publication as a whole would carry a confidential classification, only the items accompanied by interpretative comment would be classified and separately marked.

Air Force representative presented a report on recent developments in the STEP program.

An early meeting of ATIC and FDD representatives was recommended to coordinate the selective abstracting of the scientific journals. The objective of the meeting would be the possible formulation of an integrated abstracting program for presentation to the Committee.

The review of the scientific and technical program was thus concluded. The Chairman announced as the agenda for the next meeting the review of the USSR non-scientific program. The Committee will meet for this purpose on 4 November in Room 1121 M Building at 1400 hours.

4. The meeting adjourned at 1500 hours.



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Enclosures:

1. CEFLP-A-22
2. TAB A - Scheduled USSR Reports
Prepared by FDD (non-scientific)
3. TAB B - Scheduled USSR Reports
by
4. TAB C - Proposed Changes in Present
FDD Reporting Program

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COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

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Conference Room - 1121 M Building
Friday, 4 November 1960 at 1400 hours

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1. Minutes of the 23rd meeting.
 2. Review of the USSR non-scientific program.
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TAB A

SCHEDULED USSR REPORTS PREPARED
BY FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION
(NONSCIENTIFIC)

Number of Reports
Issued 1 Nov 59-
1 Oct 60

* 1.	Survey of the Soviet Press Summary (weekly) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	47
2.	Crime and Legal Developments in the USSR Summary (bimonthly) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	5
3.	Information on Soviet Education Summary (bimonthly) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	6
* 4.	Soviet Press Treatment of US-USSR Exchanges Summary (sporadic) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	2
5.	Soviet Press Commentary on US Presidential Campaign Summary (sporadic) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	1
6.	Soviet Military Information Report Summary (monthly) -- CONFIDENTIAL	10
* 7.	Annual Report on USSR Republic Budgets Summary (annual) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	1
8.	Report on Labor in the USSR Summary (quarterly) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	3
9.	Consumer Goods and Domestic Trade in the USSR Summary (bimonthly) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	6
10.	Urban Development in the USSR Summary (monthly) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	11
11.	Transportation, Communications and Electric Power in the USSR Summary (monthly) -- UNCLASSIFIED	11

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12.	USSR Electronic and Precision Equipment Summary (monthly) -- UNCLASSIFIED	11
* 13.	USSR Electronic and Precision Equipment Manufacturers Summary (sporadic) -- CONFIDENTIAL	2
14.	USSR Industrial Equipment (Transportation, Construction, Production and Power Machinery) Summary (monthly) -- UNCLASSIFIED	11
15.	USSR Materials and Materials Processing Equipment Summary (monthly) -- UNCLASSIFIED	11
16.	USSR Agriculture and Farm Machinery Summary (monthly) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	11
* 17.	The Sovnarkhoz and the Administration of Soviet Industry Summary (sporadic) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	1
18.	USSR General Industrial Information Summary (sporadic) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	1
19.	Report on USSR Ministries Summary (sporadic) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	1
20.	State Structure in the USSR Summary (quarterly) -- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	1

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